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**CLAY COUNTY MAN INDICTED FOR ILLEGAL FIREARMS**

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Kansas City, Mo., man was indicted by a federal grand jury today for illegally possessing firearms.

**Richard S. McMaken**, 36, of Kansas City-North, was charged in a four-count indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City.

Count One of the federal indictment alleges that **McMaken**, an unlawful user of methamphetamine, was in possession of a Weatherby 12-gauge shotgun and a Remington 12-gauge shotgun on Feb. 26, 2004.

Count Two of the federal indictment alleges that **McMaken**, an unlawful user of methamphetamine, was in possession of a Federal Ordnance .45-caliber pistol on Jan. 20, 2005.

Count Three of the federal indictment alleges that **McMaken**, an unlawful user of methamphetamine, was in possession of six shotguns, a rifle, two pistols and a revolver on Aug. 24, 2005.

Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for anyone who is a user of, or addicted to, a controlled substance to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition.

Count Four of the federal indictment alleges that **McMaken**, an unlawful user of methamphetamine, was in possession of a sawed-off shotgun with a barrel length of less than 18 inches on Aug. 24, 2005. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal to be in possession of an unregistered firearm.

Graves cautioned that the charges contained in the indictment are simply accusations, and

not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charges must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Jess E. Michaelson. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

**Project Ceasefire**

Project Ceasefire, launched in October 1999, is a cooperative initiative by federal and local law enforcement and the Kansas City Crime Commission that targets for federal prosecution persons who unlawfully use or possess firearms.

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